



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 7, 2019**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 45 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 36.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River to 57.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 62.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 73.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Moderate precipitation was received throughout most of the State, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the State with an average of 5.06 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 7, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	96	87	93	83
Corn, emerged	48	22	76	55
Hay, first cutting	1	(NA)	1	1
Rice, planted	70	49	74	66
Rice, emerged	40	14	47	33
Sorghum, planted	46	19	14	21
Sorghum, emerged	7	(NA)	0	(NA)
Soybeans, planted	12	9	8	8
Soybeans, emerged	3	0	3	1
Winter wheat, headed	67	55	75	50

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending April 7, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	0	57	37	6
Livestock	1	11	38	44	6
Pasture	2	14	40	40	4
Rice	1	1	29	67	2
Sugarcane	1	11	44	39	5
Vegetables	0	9	38	49	4
Winter wheat	0	11	46	41	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“There were two major rain events in a four day period. Overly wet! However, ideal for rice and for some sugarcane acres. The corn crop will need better conditions in the coming days. Pastures are greening up as cattle now have something to graze. Beef cattle producers remain optimistic as calf prices have been strong and steady.”

– Vince Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Favorable weather at beginning of last week allowed for sugarcane fieldwork to continue to progress as farmers applied fertilizer. Needed rains halted all fieldwork at end of week with some areas receiving hail and slight flooding.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Rain slowed rice planting and sugarcane fieldwork last week. The rain was needed for summer pasture development but excessive rain and slow draining canals may impact germinating and young rice. Cattlemen continue to turn out bulls and conduct spring management practices.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermillion Parish

“We needed some rain to help flush rice and for pasture, but we got too much rain last week. Some areas received anywhere from 2-8 inches. Most of it came within 2-3 hours. Most of the rain drained off field by the weekend. Most of rice was planted, but this will stop planting and fieldwork for a few days.”

– James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Heavy rains initially flooded fields and halted planting progress. However, rain water was quickly soaked up by dry soil conditions. Another round of showers over the weekend will keep growers out of the fields most of the week. Soybean planting will begin as soon as field conditions permit. Rice is starting to emerge and growers are draining crawfish ponds and waiting for drier conditions to return to planting. Sugarcane producers welcomed needed moisture that will provide a boost to the growth of the crop which has been slowed by cool dry spring conditions. Some hay producers are making fertilizer and herbicide applications and hope to make a spring cutting shortly.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Evangeline Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 7, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	68.4	47.0	57.7	60.2	-2.5	0.54	2	-0.31	3.88	-0.16
Mooringsport	65.2	41.7	53.4	61.5	-7.9	0.25	2	-0.47	1.82	-1.59
Red River	63.2	36.0	49.6	61.6	-11.6	0.01	1	-0.60	2.14	-1.30
Shreveport	66.4	44.3	55.4	60.9	-5.6	0.68	2	-0.19	3.13	-0.61
Extreme/Average	65.8	42.2	54.0	61.0	-6.9	0.37	2	-0.39	2.74	-0.92
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	64.3	38.5	51.4	58.8	-7.3	0.57	3	-0.34	4.08	0.06
Extreme/Average	64.3	38.5	51.4	60.0	-7.3	0.57	3	-0.34	4.08	0.06
Northeast										
Lake Providence	62.0	48.0	55.0	60.8	-5.8	1.64	3	0.45	4.20	-0.07
St Joseph	63.6	41.8	52.7	62.8	-9.8	1.17	2	0.41	1.78	-2.57
Tallulah	68.0	56.0	62.0	62.0	-0.6	0.77	1	0.45	0.97	0.00
Winnsboro	64.8	40.2	52.5	62.2	-9.5	1.02	2	0.17	2.05	-2.00
Extreme/Average	64.6	46.5	55.6	61.9	-6.4	1.15	3	0.37	2.25	-1.16
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	67.4	47.4	57.4	62.8	-5.4	1.29	4	0.28	1.94	-2.12
Natchitoches	66.9	47.4	57.1	63.1	-5.9	2.65	4	1.26	3.72	-1.54
Extreme/Average	67.2	47.4	57.3	62.6	-5.7	1.97	4	0.77	2.83	-1.83
Central										
Alexandria	66.9	48.3	57.6	63.6	-6.1	2.03	3	0.88	2.59	-1.86
Bunkie	68.1	48.7	58.4	64.0	-5.5	1.49	2	0.43	2.36	-1.88
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	66.4	48.3	57.4	62.7	-5.3	3.17	2	2.09	3.73	-0.83
New Roads	66.8	47.8	57.3	64.4	-6.8	1.40	1	0.81	2.72	-0.76
Extreme/Average	67.0	48.3	57.7	64.0	-5.9	2.02	3	1.05	2.85	-1.33
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	(NA)	0.51	(NA)
Slidell	67.6	52.7	60.1	64.3	-4.2	3.42	4	2.33	4.30	-0.33
Extreme/Average	67.6	52.7	60.1	63.9	-4.2	1.71	4	2.33	2.40	-0.33
Southwest										
Crowley	63.6	46.0	54.8	64.9	-9.9	3.47	3	2.87	4.14	0.92
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	67.3	50.4	58.9	64.7	-5.8	4.41	3	3.57	5.29	1.67
Oberlin Fire	68.0	49.0	58.5	64.6	-6.1	1.77	3	0.80	2.25	-1.53
Extreme/Average	66.3	48.5	57.4	64.6	-7.3	3.22	3	2.41	3.89	0.35
South central										
Donaldsonville	68.9	51.0	59.9	64.7	-4.8	3.78	4	2.77	4.36	0.53
Jeanerette	64.8	45.4	55.1	65.4	-10.1	4.69	3	4.03	5.99	2.73
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	68.8	51.2	62.3	65.2	-3.1	6.70	3	6.08	7.52	4.27
Extreme/Average	67.5	49.2	59.1	65.0	-6.0	5.06	4	4.29	5.96	2.51
Southeast										
Galliano	73.7	57.5	65.6	65.8	-0.3	3.00	3	2.28	4.32	1.25
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.81	3	3.82	5.66	1.52
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Extreme/Average	73.7	57.5	65.6	66.6	-0.3	3.90	3	3.05	4.99	1.39
State	67.2	48.1	57.7	63.4	-5.5	2.23	3	1.51	3.55	-0.16

(NA) Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.